

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Minister: The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

Guest Musician: Fran Gordon

Hymn Leaders: Sandra Monson & Alicia Monson

March 20th, 2022

3rd Sunday in Lent

"Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;"

– Isaiah 55: 6

As we gather, we are mindful of the fact that we meet on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Treaty Six First Nations and the traditional home of the Métis.

We are grateful for the hospitality we have received as settlers in this place and recommit ourselves to the work of reconciliation and building good relations with the First Peoples of this land.



Lighting of the Christ Candle

Welcome and Announcements

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Call to Worship: Lenten Insert

-Daniel & David Tabien

Praise:

"Come, let us sing to the Lord our song"

#412

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song: we have stood silently too long; surely the Lord deserves our praise, so joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well; God's living waters will never fail. Surely the Lord will help you to stand, strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray, and walk with each other following your way; our precious brothers and sisters will grow in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing to the desire of all living things. Come, all you creatures, high and low; let your praises endlessly flow.

Prayer of Confession: (Unison)

God of grace and mercy,

**We confess that our thoughts are so often not your thoughts;
our way are rarely your ways.**

Our tempers are short and we fail to act with kindness.

Our confidence is weak and we treat others without respect.

Our faith falters and we lose track of you.

**Forgive the many ways we fail you,
and inspire us to follow you more faithfully.**

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Praise:

"Amazing grace"

#670

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me: this word my hopes secures; God will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

What thanks I owe you, and what love – a boundless, endless store – still echo through the realms above when time shall be no more.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 55: 1-9

-Ken Wilson

Psalms 63: 1-8

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

Luke 13: 1-9

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon:

"The Tower"

-The Rev. Roberto DeSandoli

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Invitation to the Offering

Doxology (#830) and Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below:
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Leader: Lord in your mercy...

All: Hear our prayer.

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Praise:

“Out of my bondage, sorrow and night”

#193

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come; into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee; out of my sickness into thy health, out of my want and into thy wealth, out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come; into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee; out of earth's sorrows into thy balm, out of life's storms and into thy calm, out of distress to jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come; into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee; out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair into raptures above, upward for aye on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come; into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee; out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold, ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.

Benediction

A-men, a-men, a - - - men



GREETERS AND COLLECTORS: Laura Van Loon, Luella Moore, Donna Bailey, Judy McFadden, Pat Barber

Announcements

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE TODAY, MARCH 20, AT 3 PM VIA ZOOM. The Annual Report has been e-mailed to you, so please check your inbox. There are some hard copies available on the entranceway table. **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89642104907?pwd=UkgzUEhKL2dSWjJNZHRFMW04cTZYUT09>

Meeting ID: 896 4210 4907

Passcode: 951729





Volunteers Needed: **THE ST. ANDREW'S SESSION** has recently decided to return the Hymn Books, Psalters, Bibles, and Offering Envelopes to the pews. If you can assist with this task, a group will be meeting at 1pm on Tuesday, March 22nd to do this work. Please contact Rev. Roberto if you are interested in helping.

You will have noticed that Worship is returning to what it used to be, before COVID. People are again reading Scripture, greeting, ushering, collecting the offering. Hopefully, a return to a coffee/fellowship time after Worship will also be in our future. We want to create schedules again, for the people willing to help in these areas. The best way for us to know who you are, and how you're willing to help, is for you to fill out the **CONTACT INFORMATION FORM**. Even if you're sure nothing has changed, please fill it out, and return. *So much information was lost when the computer crashed in 2020, so we may not have the information you think we do.* Thank you so much!



There are hard copies available on the entranceway table. If you would like a hard copy mailed to you, or a form e-mailed to you, please contact the church office. We are so close to using the new PowerChurch program, and the last step is confirming everything about you!

The next **PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE** meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 23rd at 2 pm via Zoom. Please note that Pastoral Care Committee meetings have moved to the 4th Wednesday of the month.



Annual Lenten Appeal

Every year, special focus goes towards PWS&D during Lent, this time of spiritual reflection in preparation for Easter. This year, the Stewardship Committee has decided to highlight current international needs due to natural disasters. The current PWS&D focus is on the January flood in Malawi caused by Tropical Storm Ana, a catastrophe that has not received any attention during the current busy news cycle. See the newsletter for more detail. Please prayerfully consider your Lenten offering to this dire need. Mark your offering with PWS&D-Lenten appeal.

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The **ONLINE WORSHIP COMMITTEE** needs volunteers to assist with live streaming of church services on Sundays at St Andrews. No particular technical skills are required; there will be "on-going, on the job" training every Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet at the Church office, please call if you are interested and feel led to serve the church in this way. Thank you.



We are planning a Springtime Fundraiser in the form of a British Afternoon Tea. Do you have a Cake Stand that we could borrow? If you do, please contact either Sandra 306-260-7734 or Sheila 306-280-8165 as soon as possible.



Have fun helping the **YOUTH** group raise money. Click on the links below for Purdy's chocolate or Baba's perogies. Need help? Call Martha 306.270 2378. Delivery will be Wednesday, April 13 at St Andrew's for both products.
<https://fundraising.purdys.com/join.aspx/1519742-93668>
<https://babasfundraising.com> The title says 2021 but it for 2022 as well. Pick St As YG when you checkout.

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AVAILABLE ON THE ENTRANCEWAY TABLE:

- * The Annual Report, Financial Statements, and Budget
- * These Days: Daily Devotions for Living by Faith, Apr/May/Jun Suggested donation: \$3.00.
- * Copies of the spring issue of the Presbyterian Connection
- * The latest edition of *Saints Alive*, the church newsletter
- * Contact Information Forms

Missed out on a worship service?

If you are looking for a service you missed, or want to see information in a previous bulletin, simply follow these steps:

- 1) Visit standrews-saskatoon.com
- 2) Scroll down just below this week's video until you see the date of the service you are looking for and click on it
- 3) You can now click the video box to watch the service and the "(date)_bulletin" to see the bulletin

In Our Wider Community

SACRED PLACES AND SPACES: March 2022 seminars on Ecumenical Stewardship

You are invited to join in our March 2022 series of Ecumenical Stewardship seminars. We're thinking about the use of sacred buildings and properties in new ways. Join us **Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 3pm** (SK time).

Mar. 24: Loving Our Neighbours! (again)

Carla Leon and Zoë Chaytors will engage us in the question of how we practically interact with our communities and use our physical resources in mission for the good of all.

Registration required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpduirjluHdE69wl-4LGI5viHO0mGqViK>

For further information, contact Archdeacon Cheryl Toth at stewardship@sasktel.net





Third Sunday in Lent

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One: During Lent, God hears the desires of our hearts and chooses what is best for us. God draws us into a deeper relationship, offering us compassion, mercy and insight.

All: God hears and responds to our plans when they honour God's purposes for creation.

One: While we don't always recognize it, sometimes our dreams can be distorted, harmful and not consistent with God's principles.

All: We praise God for when God says "yes" and for when God says "no."

One: Let us pray.

All: All-knowing God, you see and understand all things. You walk with us on the journey to Christian maturity, and we know that you provide us guidance and wisdom. Help us to follow your ways. Make us patient when you correct us, forgive us when we resist your newness, and encourage us when we seek new ways of being. Let our lives conform to the pattern of the life of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.



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Empowering Young Women in India

The night her husband came home intoxicated and began arguing with her and physically abusing their one-month-old son, Murat knew she needed to get help.

Fearing for their safety, she approached a local group for assistance: a task force that had been established through a PWS&D-supported project in Bihar, India.

Murat was appreciative of the task force's quick actions. They intervened right away by contacting local police officers who arrested her husband and brought Murat and her baby to safety.

Since that night, Murat has attended training sessions through the project where she has learned how to handle potential crises and stand up for her rights.

While there is still healing that needs to take place, Murat and her son are being supported by her family and community after their difficult ordeal.

This Lenten season faithfully respond to Christ's call to serve those in need. Through support of PWS&D, we can help empower women and girls to advocate for their rights.

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Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, **The Presbyterian Church in Canada is able to support many important outreach ministries associated with Cyclical PCC, a church planting support initiative.** One such ministry

is Cornerstone Ministries. Cornerstone Ministries provides Christian hope and healing through innovative and supportive practices to struggling single moms and families in the Dunnville area of Ontario. Since moving most of their ministry work online, many more people have been positively impacted by Cornerstone. Through outreach, counselling and practical support, over 200 local families have come to know the God who loves them, helping them to blossom in faith, courage and wholeness.



DAILY PRAYERS

Sunday, March 20 (Third Sunday in Lent) God of Life, help us to hear your Word to us in the scriptures so that we may become instruments of your saving love in the world.

Monday, March 21 (International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination) God of Truth, we pray that your Spirit guides us to work in faithful solidarity to eliminate race-based violence and prejudice so that all people may flourish.

Tuesday, March 22 (World Water Day) We give thanks for the sacred gift of water. Let us work to ensure that all people have access to safe water in Canada and abroad.

Wednesday, March 23 We pray for the members and work of the Life and Mission Agency Committee.

Thursday, March 24 We pray for the Caribbean and North America Council for Mission (CANACOM) and for Jennifer Martin and Leslene Laing as they support the 14 member churches.

Friday, March 25 We pray for the people who gather and serve at the Anamiewigummig Fellowship Centre in Kenora, Ontario, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Saturday, March 26 We pray for the people, ministries and mission of the Presbytery of Newfoundland.